

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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administering, to a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of a (hydroalcoholic) extract of *Curcuma longa* consisting of:

- (A) an alcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said alcoholic extract comprises curcuminoids; and
- (B) an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction. --

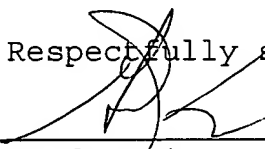
REMARKS

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The specification has been amended to insert formal matter, Claims 1-10 have been deleted and new Claims 11-20 have been substituted therefor (in order to make the claims consistent with U.S. patent practice). Hence, the amendment to the specification, cancellation of Claims 1-10 and substitution of new Claims 11-20 do not constitute new matter.

In view of the above, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, the following is inserted.

-- This application is a § 371 of PCT/ES00/00354, filed September 21, 2000. --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 are being cancelled.

New Claims 11-20 is added:

-- Claim 11. A method of photosensitization comprising administering, to a subject in need thereof, a photosensitization effective amount of a hydroalcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa* consisting of:

(A) an alcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said alcoholic extract comprises curcuminoids; and

(B) an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction.

Claim 12. The method of Claim 11, wherein said administering occurs after radiating said subject with visible light.

Claim 13. A method of photosensitization comprising administering, to a subject in need thereof, a photosensitization effective amount of an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction.

Claim 14. The method of Claim 13, wherein said administering occurs after radiating said subject with visible light.

Claim 15. A method of inhibiting proliferation of cells comprising contacting said cells with an antiproliferative effective amount of a hydroalcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa* consisting of:

- (A) an alcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said alcoholic extract comprises curcuminoids; and
- (B) an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction.

Claim 16. A method of inhibiting proliferation of cells comprising contacting said cells with an antiproliferative effective amount of an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction.

Claim 17. A method for inhibiting cellular secretion of cytokines IL-6 and IL-8 comprising irradiating cells with UV light so as to induce secretion of IL-6 and IL-8, and thereafter contacting the resulting irradiated cells with a cytokine inhibiting effective amount of a hydroalcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa* consisting of:

- (A) an alcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said alcoholic extract comprises curcuminoids; and
- (B) an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction.

Claim 18. A method for the treatment of psoriasis comprising administering, to a subject afflicted with psoriasis, a therapeutically effective amount of an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction.

Claim 19. A method for inhibiting plasma fibrinogen comprising administering, to a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of a hydroalcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa* consisting of:

(A) an alcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said alcoholic extract comprises curcuminoids; and

(B) an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction.

Claim 20. A method for reducing Apolipoprotein B/ApolipoproteinA-1 quotient comprising administering, to a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of a hydroalcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa* consisting of:

(A) an alcoholic extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said alcoholic extract comprises curcuminoids; and

(B) an aqueous extract of *Curcuma longa*, wherein said aqueous extract comprises a protein fraction. --